

## **Community Relations and Student Life Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors, August 5, 2010**

The Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Thursday, August 5, 2010 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Committee Chair Mitch Zimmer, Committee members Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Tom Sigafos and Kathleen Oxberry, Board President Gary Johnson, Board Vice President Susan Moore, Board member Beth Suchsland, Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, John Quinn, David M. Sherman, Tom Davis and Linda Doll.

There was no public comment on the agenda.

Mr. Quinn reported that the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission is holding an Education Summit at Montgomery County Community College in late September. Local area superintendents and local businesses will meet to develop ways they can help the education community. Dr. Cotter offered the services of CITV to produce a video to open the summit. The video will be titled "Student Voices" and is currently being produced. Mr. Quinn stated that CITV is also working with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office in creating a training video for police officers regarding the services provided by the new Montgomery County Child Advocacy Center. That video will be produced in the fall.

Mr. Sherman stated that the third Thursday in April, 2011 falls within spring break. He noted that the Board may wish to move their usual work session and public business meeting up one week when they establish the 2011 meeting schedule in December.

Mr. Sherman suggested that, in accordance with recent practice, the Board meet with new teachers prior to the September 16 public business meeting. Dr. Gorodetzer noted that there are only six new contracted teachers this year. Mrs. Moore recommended that all new hires be invited to the reception. Committee members agreed that the reception will be held in the Colonial Elementary School (CES) library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Sherman provided a letter from CRSL members to be sent to senior citizens with a copy of the 2010-2011 District Activities Calendar. Committee members requested that the letter be signed by the entire Board.

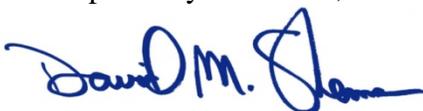
The committee reviewed a list of Adult Evening School instructors for the fall semester. Mr. Sherman also noted that the administration is looking into software programs that will facilitate online registration for evening school classes with the option of paying tuition by credit card. He noted that online registration will be piloted for the five-week mini session in January. Mr. Sherman also informed the committee that the basketball activity will remain in Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and not move to Colonial Middle School. He noted that three classes currently held in CES need to be moved for the spring semester but space is limited. The committee decided to revisit a facilities usage study conducted recently by Mr. Terry Yemm.

Mr. Sherman highlighted planned initiatives for the 2010-2011 communications plan including outreach to businesses associated with the sciences, continued redesign of the District Web site, improvement of the e-mail distribution list and a potential e-Friday Folder for parents of secondary students.

Mr. Zimmer announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

There being no further business or public comment, Mr. Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Sherman  
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School Board Secretary